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Psychology and global climate change: Addressing a multi-faceted phenomenon and set of challenges. A report by the American Psychological Association's Task Force on the Interface Between Psychology and Global Climate Change members

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Abstract:

This APA Climate Change Task Force Report considers psychology's contribution to climate change by addressing the following six questions: Section 1: How do people understand the risks imposed by climate change? Section 2: What are the human behavioral contributions to climate change and the psychological and contextual drivers of these contributions? Section 3: What are the psychosocial impacts of climate change? Section 4: How do people adapt to and cope with perceived threat and unfolding impacts of climate change? Section 5: Which psychological barriers limit climate change action? Section 6: How can psychologists assist in limiting climate change?

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Resource Description

Communication: M

resource focus on research or methods on how to communicate or frame issues on climate change; surveys of attitudes, knowledge, beliefs about climate change

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Communication Audience: M

audience to whom the resource is directed

Policymaker

Exposure: M

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Unspecified Exposure

Geographic Feature: M

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

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Geographic Location: 🛚

resource focuses on specific location

Global or Unspecified

Health Impact: M

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Mental Health/Stress

Mental Health Effect/Stress: Stress Disorder

Intervention: M

strategy to prepare for or reduce the impact of climate change on health

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mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Adaptation

Resource Type: M

format or standard characteristic of resource

Review

Timescale: M

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified

Vulnerability/Impact Assessment: **☑**

resource focus on process of identifying, quantifying, and prioritizing vulnerabilities in a system

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